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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: STEVEN L. PARKER  
Filed: JULY 12, 2001  
For: SYNCHRONOUS COLLAPSED RING ARCHITECTURE FOR REAL  
TIME SIGNAL SWITCHING AND DISTRIBUTION  
Serial No.: 09/904,289  
Group Art Unit: 2613  
Examiner: SEDIGHIAN, REZA  
Atty. Dkt: L3BB:003

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**SUBMISSION CONCERNING VACATED FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
AND STATUS INQUIRY**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This submission concerns the vacated final Office Action. The submission also serves as a status inquiry.

No fees are believed due. Should any fees under 37 CRF 1.16-1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, including any fee for extensions of time, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fees from O'Keefe, Egan & Peterman Deposit Account No. 10-1205/L3BB:003.

## REMARKS

Procedural Background - In this case, a Petition to Revive was submitted in January 2006 along with a Response to the outstanding Office Action. A Final Office Action was then mailed in June 2006. A Response to this Final Office Action was mailed in early September 2006.

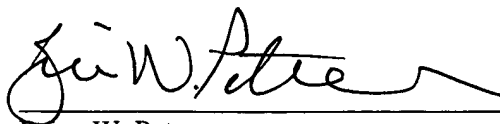
Examiner Procedural Call - On September 13, 2006, the undersigned received a telephone call from Supervisory Patent Examiner Jason Chan. In this call, Examiner Chan stated that the Petitions Branch had yet to officially act on the Petition to Revive filed in January 2006. Therefore, the application was being forwarded to the Petitions Branch for a decision.

Vacating of Final Office Action - Examiner Chan also stated in this call that the Final Office Action was vacated because it was inadvertently sent before the Petitions Branch had rendered a decision. This vacating of the Final Office Action was subsequently confirmed in an Interview Summary sent by Examiner Chen dated September 14, 2006.

Status Inquiry - Applicant currently awaits subsequent Action by the Office and respectfully requests status for same. If helpful, the Examiner may consider arguments made in the Response to the Final Office Action, which was filed by Applicant prior to the vacating of the Final Office Action.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the phone number indicated below with any questions or comments, or to otherwise facilitate expeditious and compact prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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